



Attorney Docket No. 3170/2

~~IN THE~~ UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sadao NISHIBORI et al.

Serial No. 09/689,831

Filed: October 13, 2000

For: RESIN CULTIVATION BASE,
WATER PURIFYING DEVICE
AND METHOD USING RESIN
CULTIVATING BASE

[illegible]

Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: **Fred G. Prince**

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite the claims as follows.

1. A resin cultivating base serving as seedling beds for vegetation and partially immersed in a river, lake, marsh, ponds, or waterway drawing water from them,

wherein the resin cultivating base is a three-dimensional structure constituted by long and/or short filaments of thermoplastic resin;

adjacent long and short filaments are curled or looped at random, and contacted, entwined and gathered, thereby forming a low density portion and a high density portion;

the low density portion has 80% to 99% voids which is higher void rate than the void rate of the high density portion;

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